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***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***MARCH 4, 2002
12:15 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 4-0, Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

File #110-132

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 4-0, Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

File #2-104-132

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of publicly-owned property, where discussion in open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 4-0, Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

File #2-104-132

A communication from the City Manager requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss a matter with regard to expansion of an existing business where no previous announcement of the interest of the business in expanding its facilities in the City has been made, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(Approved 4-0, Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

File #104-132-450

The meeting was declared in recess at 12:17 p.m., to be immediately reconvened in Room 159 for a briefing on the “Unity Fountain.”

Briefing on the “Unity Fountain”. (15 minutes)

File #311-555

The meeting was declared in recess at 12:55 p.m., to be immediately reconvened in Closed Session in the Council’s Conference Room.

The City Council meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m., in the City Council Chamber.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (5-0) (Council Member White was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.) (Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

Council unanimously adopted a motion to remove the following reports of qualification from the table:

Ralph K. Smith as a member of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission to fill the unexpired term of James D. Grisso, resigned, commencing February 1, 2002, and ending April 12, 2004; and Dolores Y. Johns as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, for a term ending December 31, 2004.

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Ralph K. Smith as a Commissioner of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission for a term ending April 12, 2004, and the reappointment of Dolores Y. Johns as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare, Board of Directors, for a term ending December 31, 2004.

File #15-110-247-314

Stanley G. Breakell was appointed as a member of the Roanoke City Public Library Board for a term ending June 30, 2002.

File #15-110-323

At 1:55 p.m., the Council meeting was declared in recess to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber.



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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Tupper Garden, Pastor, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTB Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, March 7, 2002, at

7:00 p.m., and Saturday, March 9, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541 TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Proclamation declaring the month of March as National Nutrition Month.
File #3

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 6-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 22, 2002.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that Council schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 18, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, with regard to sale of City-owned property located on Nelms Lane, N. E.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.
File #2

C-3 A communication from the City Manager recommending authorization to file a petition to rezone property acquired for the Stadium/Amphitheatre facility.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in recommendation.
File #51-122

C-4 Qualification of the following persons:

Harold F. Wallick as a member of the Towing Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Sergeant C. A. Karr, resigned, ending June 30, 2003; and

Claude N. Smith as a member of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a term ending March 9, 2006;

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.
File #9-15-110-520

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris with regard to funding needs and services provided by the Roanoke Adolescent Health Partnership.

Referred to fiscal year 2002-2003 budget study.
File #60-304

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

- 1. A communication recommending authorization to file an application or other documents with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for Railroad Industrial Access Program funds on behalf of WHPT Co., Inc., a business currently

located in the South Jefferson Redevelopment Area; and stating the City's support for WHPT to receive Program funds.

Adopted Resolution No. 35761-030402. (6-0, Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

File #207-450-533-178-207

2. A communication recommending execution of an agreement with Randall Funding and Development, Inc., to provide grant writing services, in the amount of \$73,000.00 for the first year and \$48,000.00 for the second year; and transfer of \$121,000.00.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35762-030402 and Resolution No. 35763-030402. (6-0, Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

File #60-236

3. A communication recommending transfer of \$50,000.00 in connection with acquisition of property for the Riverland Road/Mount Pleasant Boulevard/Bennington Street Intersection Improvements Project.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35764-030402 and Ordinance No. 35765-030402. (6-0, Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

File #2-60-514

b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of January 2002.

Received and filed.

File #1-10

2. A report recommending appropriation of 2002 General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, in the amount of \$56,245,000.00.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35766-030402. (6-0, Council Member Wyatt was absent.)
File #60-53**

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35767-030402 highlighting the inadequacies of funds currently received from the Commonwealth of Virginia and supporting the Virginia First Cities Coalition plan of action to address a better financial structure between the State and local government. (6-0, Council Member Wyatt was absent.)
File #550**

**Council Member Hudson requested that newly hired City department directors be formally introduced at a City Council meeting.
File #132-184**

Council adopted a motion that citizens wishing to address City Council under Item 12, Hearing of Citizens Upon Public Matters, may advise the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., on the Tuesday before any regularly scheduled Council meeting, which is the deadline for receipt of agenda items, and their names and topics for discussion will appear on the printed City Council agenda. Any citizen who has not advised the City Clerk prior to the agenda deadline of their request to speak will continue to be heard under Item 12 by

**registering with the City Clerk prior to arriving at that item on the agenda, which is the current practice of Council.
File #132**

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

12. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. IT IS ALSO A TIME FOR INFORMAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITIZENS. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

**Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., inquired if Council has held a public hearing affording citizens the opportunity to voice their opinion with regard to the location of the proposed stadium/amphitheatre project.
File #122**

The meeting was declared in recess for three Closed Sessions.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (5-0, Council Member White was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.) (Council Member Wyatt was absent.)

At 3:42 p.m., the Council meeting was declared in recess to be reconvened on Friday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m., in the Buck Mountain Room, Hotel Roanoke Conference Center.